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PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM

## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on November 20, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.